

DIRECTORS TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO LOCAL FAIR ASSOCIATION

Exhibition Will Not be Held
in This City Next
Fall.

GROUNDS CONSISTS OF TWENTY ACRES

Definite Action Taken at
Meeting Held Monday
Morning.

SALE TO OCCUR ON MARCH 31

Special Committee Appointed
to Look After Disposal
of Lot.

For the purpose of taking definite action on instructions given the directors of the Mississippi and West Alabama Fair Association by the stockholders last December, the members of the board attended a call meeting at the office of the president, Mr. C. F. Sherrod, Monday morning and by a unanimous vote it was decided to dispose of the property now belonging to the association which is located in South Columbus.

During the past several years, very little interest has been shown in the annual fairs held here, and it was for this reason that the stockholders decided to discontinue the exhibitions temporarily. In case the citizens show enough interest and will pledge themselves to support the stockholders in another fair, the directors will probably purchase a tract of land located on the car lines in East Columbus and have annual exhibitions. The next fair, however, will not be held until 1915.

A sales committee consisting of Messrs. G. M. Flynn, J. T. Sanford and C. W. Evans was appointed to look after the selling of the present property, and the sale will take place March 31.

At the meeting Monday the following directors were present: Messrs. T. B. Blake, I. I. Kaufman, S. J. Loeb, J. T. Sanford, C. W. Evans, F. M. Vaughan, R. E. Hardy and C. F. Sherrod.

Small Fire Tuesday.

The dispatcher's office of the Southern Railway, which is located on North Third avenue, was damaged to the extent of about \$50 by fire Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

The firemen made a quick run and the blaze was extinguished after a few minutes time.

Wood Elected Constable.

A special election was held in District No. 3, Tuesday for the purpose of naming an additional constable, and Mr. J. G. Wood, was elected, he having received 60 votes, and his opponent, Mr. J. A. Hicks, only 45.

Mr. Louis Rosenzweig is in New York buying goods for the firm of Rosenzweig Bros.

HOME SCIENCE INSTITUTE IN SESSION AT COLLEGE

Meeting Began Last Night and
Will Continue Through
Friday.

The annual meeting of the Home Science Teachers of Mississippi convened at the Industrial Institute and College last night, with quite a number of visitors in attendance.

The first session was held in the college chapel. An address of welcome was given by Miss Mabel Ward, who has charge of the home science work at the I. I. and C. Miss Kate Cunningham, of Ellisville, gave a very interesting talk, her subject being "A Message for Home Science Students."

The following is the program for today:

10 a. m.—Address.—"The Place of Home Economics in a Liberal Education." Prof. Isabel Bevier, University of Illinois.

11 a. m.—Personal exchange.—Alumni of the college will tell their experiences in teaching to gain inspiration and renewed interest from hearing what the other girls are doing.

2:30 p. m.—Round Table, Subject, "Home Economics in the Country School." Leader, Prof. Bevier.

Five Minute Talks—"What the State is Doing." Miss Maggie DeCampbell, State Normal, Hattiesburg.

"The Real Country Problem." Miss Margaret Justin, Mathiston. "Extension Work For the Country School." Miss Sarah Rowan, Poplarville.

7:30 p. m.—Address.—"The Home Flower and Kitchen Garden." Prof. S. L. Chestnut, Alabama Girl's Technical Institute.

Address.—"The Decoration of the Home." Miss Myrtle L. Taylor, Mississippi Industrial Institute and College.

Friday, Feb. 27
10 a. m.—Address.—"The Value of Cooking and Sewing Courses From a Superintendent's Point of View." Prof. H. L. Hughes, McComb City.

11 a. m.—Round Table, Subject.—"The Place of Sewing, Millinery and Textiles in the High School." Leader, Miss Margaret Roubush, University of Mississippi.

Five Minute Talks—"Sewing in the Agricultural High Schools." Miss Lula Tunnison, Courtland.

Sewing Exhibits. Miss Constance Bonslagel, Purvis.

"Sewing in the City High School." Miss Jessie L. Breley, Meridian.

2 p. m.—Annual Meeting Mississippi Home Economics Association. Election of Officers.

8:00 p. m.—Address.—"Opportunities and Obligations of Home Economics." Miss Isabel Bevier, University of Illinois.



NEGRO IS KILLED AND BODY BURNED

Is Placed in Goods Box
Which is Set on
Fire.

LELAND IS NOW QUIET

Angry Mob Puts Negro to Death
Who Killed Deputy
Sheriff.

Leland, Miss., Feb. 24.—Sam Petty negro, who shot and instantly killed Charles W. Kirkland, a deputy sheriff, early this afternoon, was filled full of bullets by a mob of enraged citizens a few hours later and his body finally reduced to ashes.

The negro, wanted for a trivial offense, was arrested by Kirkland, a brother of the owner of the Cottondale Plantation, where the negro worked and on which the offense is said to have been committed. Breaking away from his captor, the negro fled to the outskirts of the town, where he lived in a small cabin.

Not knowing the negro was armed the officer knocked at the door, and on being refused entrance, started to go in when the black emerged with a double-barreled shotgun, leveled at Kirkland's head. Before Kirkland could draw his own weapon the negro fired both barrels. The officer dropped dead, a great gaping wound in his chest, just over the heart.

Irate citizens soon captured the negro and the news of his killing the officer spread like wildfire. Soon a mob of three hundred men had assembled from all parts of the county.

A debate was held as to what vengeance was to be meted out to the negro. Hanging was at first suggested, but such was the wrath of many of the citizens that the opinion was that that was a fate too mild for him. The mob was incensed by a similar shooting 10 days ago.

It was finally decided to burn the offender. He was accordingly bound and placed in a goods box, the inside packed with inflammables. Coal oil was poured on the box and the torch applied. The negro's fetters burned in two and he leaped from the box screaming in agony. Instantly half a hundred pistols spoke and the negro's body was soon in its death throes on the ground. A second volley was fired into his prostrate form.

The body was then taken and placed in a standing position in the box and again the torch was

BECKER TO HAVE ANOTHER TRIAL

Murderer of Herman Rosenthal is Granted Chance
for Life.

FOUR GUNMEN MUST DIE

Former Police Lieutenant May
Go Free Without Having
a New Trial.

New York, February 24.—The conviction of Charles Becker, former police lieutenant, of the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, was annulled today by the court of appeals at Albany, the highest in the state. He is entitled to a new trial, but it seemed probable tonight that he might go free without facing a second ordeal. It was made known that District Attorney Charles S. Whitman believes that under the prevailing opinion handed down by the court conviction a second time will be impossible.

Appeals taken by the four gunmen, "Whitney" Lewis, "Leftie Louie," "Gyp the Blood," and "Dago Frank," convicted as actual murderers of Rosenthal, and whom Becker was accused of having employed to commit the crime, were not sustained and they will have to die in the electric chair, probably in March, except in the event of executive clemency.

Barham Tried Tuesday.

Mr. C. E. Barham, who had a difficulty with Mr. J. N. Morton last Saturday, was tried before Justice of the Peace Beverly Matthews Tuesday morning. The defendant was represented by Hon. W. P. Stribling, and Hon. John Frierson appeared for the State.

The first charge against Mr. Barham was for drawing a gun on Mr. Morton, but after hearing the evidence Mr. Matthews dismissed the case. Two other charges were preferred against the defendant. In one case a fine of \$50 and costs was given Mr. Barham, for appearing in an ugly manner with a gun in his hand. In the other, a charge of taking personal property unlawfully without due process of law, was brought, and he was bound over to await the action of the grand jury under a bond of \$500.

In less than half an hour the body was reduced to ashes.

WHITE KING GRIPS ENTIRE COUNTRY

Real Winter Weather Prevails Throughout the South.

SMALL SNOW FALLS HERE

Temperature Dropped Many Degrees and Severe Blizzard Rages in Every Section.

Taking a tumble Monday night of thirty-two degrees, the thermometer registered Tuesday twenty-five above zero, which is the coldest weather that has visited this section this winter.

Snow began falling here at an early hour yesterday morning continuing almost throughout the entire day, the fall being about two inches. Last night every building in the city wore a mantle of white.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The entire upper Mississippi and Ohio valley regions were stormbound today as the result of the fiercest blizzard of the winter which began Sunday and continued. The storm was milder today but the extreme cold that followed the hardest part of the storm made recovery from the effects of the blizzard difficult.

Practically the entire country from the Atlantic coast to the Rocky Mountains and from Tennessee to the Canadian border was covered with snow today. In Chicago, where snow has fallen nearly every day since February 1, snow again began falling at 5 a. m., today with every promise of a heavy precipitation.

Princess Theatre.

The attraction at the Princess for today, February 26, is The Thanouser Company's big feature production, "Robin Hood," complete in 4 reels adapted from the opera of the same name.

The Thanouser Company has acquired an international reputation as a producer of big features, and in "Robin Hood" they have outdone all previous efforts. The staging and costumes are elaborate in every detail.

Prof. Jacob has secured the full orchestra for the opera, which will be rendered in conjunction with the picture.

This attraction will indeed be an enjoyable entertainment for lovers of real high class amusement. Nothing cheap but the price, 5c and 10c.

Mr. Felix Chapman is spending a fortnight at eastern markets purchasing stock for the firm of Carter and Chapman.

CITIZENS WILL REORGANIZE BUSINESS LEAGUE FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT CITY HALL

D. A. R.'S CELEBRATE IN
HONOR OF WASHINGTON.

Exercises Held at Franklin
Academy on Last Monday
Morning.

Washington's birthday was observed throughout the United States Monday, the local banks and postoffice being closed for the day.

A special program was given at the Franklin Academy Monday morning under the auspices of the Shu-ko-ta Tom-a-ha Chapter, D. A. R. The exercises opened with a prayer by Rev. S. L. Slack, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The American flag, borne by Mr. Eubanks, who was accompanied by Mr. Stuart Chandler and Lee Hollis, was carried through the chapel as the Star Spangled Banner was being sung by the pupils of the school. The flag was placed upon the rostrum, and the entire student body gave salute. Master Joe Kline gave a clarinet number and Master Harry Daashiell a violin selection, and both were thoroughly enjoyed. A reading by Mrs. T. B. Franklin and "An Explanation of the Flag" by Mrs. Sarah Sheffield were given. Miss Jennie Sharp recited "Betsy Ross" in a very charming and attractive manner. Master Charles Hale gave a cunning recitation of "The Flag." Mr. Robert Jacob gave "Washington's Farewell Address" in a very impressive way. Miss Anna Terrell Hamilton sang "Mississippi" and was accompanied by Mrs. John P. Mayo. Hon. W. V. Frierson made the address of the hour which was very patriotic and uplifting.

STEAMER CHARLES MAY ARRIVED HERE SUNDAY

Boat Returned to Demopolis
Tuesday With a Large Cargo
of Freight.

The first large boat that has been to Columbus for nearly two years was the steamer "Charles May" which arrived here late Sunday afternoon from Mobile, bringing with it several bales of cotton.

The boat will be run regularly between Demopolis, Ala., and this city and a large number of local merchants have already given contracts to the owner for shipments to be made to Pickensville and other points down the river.

The "Charles May" left Tuesday morning for Demopolis carrying a large cargo. The steamer will probably return to Columbus the first of next week.

PHOTOGRAPH EYES OF DEAD GIRL TO APPREHEND SLAYER

Aurora, Ill., February 24.—Yielding to persons who have faith in ages-old superstition, the authorities here have photographed the eyes of Theresa Hollander. States Attorney Tyler admitted today, that it was a belief of many that the retina of a murdered person retains the image of the murderer.

Whether the negative held by the authorities showed anything of this nature was not revealed by the state's attorney. Neither did he say whether it was to be used as evidence in any proceedings growing out of the clubbing to death of Miss Hollander in cemetery here a week ago.

The picture was taken after a suggestion of an oculist who as-

serted with emphasis that the retina of the slain girl's eyes would show the last object before her conscious vision.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE OCCASION

Commercial Club Will Probably be Known as Chamber of Commerce.

NEW DIRECTORS WILL BE ELECTED

Business Men Held Enthusiastic Meeting Monday and Discussed Reorganization.

The initial step towards reorganizing the Columbus Business League and forming what will probably be known as the Chamber of Commerce was taken Monday afternoon, when quite a number of local business men had a rousing good meeting at the city hall. Another rally will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the same place, and it is earnestly requested that every man of Columbus be present. The next step to be taken will be to complete the organization, give it a name and try to enroll as large a number of the citizens as possible. A committee of Messrs. C. F. Sherrod, John P. Mayo, W. N. Ethridge, I. I. Kaufman, Brooks McGowan, C. H. Hale and Dr. J. W. Lipscomb was appointed to formulate plans for the next meeting.

At the meeting Monday afternoon, Col. John P. Mayo was made chairman, and Mr. V. B. Imes acted as secretary.

Col Mayo in a brief but logical way explained why the call had been issued to the business men of Columbus, and told of the necessity of having a progressive league in this city.

Mr. C. F. Sherrod was called upon and for several minutes held the close attention of those present, by emphasizing the benefits that would accrue from a well directed business organization.

Mr. I. I. Kaufman stated that he was in favor of reorganizing and going to work in earnest to rejuvenate and boost the city.

Mr. W. N. Ethridge, law agent for the Southern Railway in Mississippi, and who is one of our most capable and progressive young men, spoke of how other cities had been benefited by the booster clubs, and stated that the Chamber of Commerce was not to benefit only a few men but would help every citizen.

Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, Messrs. G. M. Flynn, J. P. Woodward and C. H. Hale each expressed themselves as being ready to co-operate with the new league to wake things up in Columbus.

Everyone present realized that if Columbus was ever to be what it should be, it must get out of the rut, and that the business men would have to pull together in an effort to boost our many advantages and resources.

PANAMA CANAL WILL BE OPEN FOR MERCHANT SHIPS JULY 1

Washington, Feb. 25.—Col. W. Goethals has made a statement that, barring unforeseen accidents, the Panama Canal will be open for merchant ships July 1. The colonel added that he had always been opposed to the exemption of American coastwise shipping from the payment of tolls, because that would decrease the revenues of the canal and, in his opinion, would accrue to the benefit of consumers, but merely increase profits of the ship owners. The colonel declined to discuss its legal aspect or its bearing on treaty relations.

"The canal fortifications are en-

tirely adequate," said the canal builder, "and I do not think there is the slightest danger of the canal being captured by any enemy, for it would not be possible for such a force to get near enough."

"I am not in politics and do not intend to dabble in them," said the colonel when it was suggested that some of his friends were booming him for the governorship of New York. He was non-committal when questioned concerning his acceptance of the much discussed New York police commissionership.